

While important public services in areas like Hume are in desperate need of assistance, your taxes are being used to provide HTA with Federal and State Government grants to upgrade their factories and market their work to war profiteers around the world.

It is worth noting that the average Australian tax payer subsidises companies like HTA to make parts for weapons like the F-35 which the Australian Government buys back at a hugely inflated price for our own military. The same can be said of just about every company in Australia providing parts for the Military Industrial Complex: This has been going on for years, regardless of which political party is in power.

Meanwhile you're told that Federal and State Governments can not afford to provide your families with decent health care.

In the last few years HTA Global has received grants including:

- 2021: Smart Factories Program for digitalisation program
Defence Global Competitiveness Grant (to build a new cleaning facility)
- 2020: Defence Global Competitiveness Grant (to build infrastructure for F-35 part testing)

In addition HTA has received Australian Government Assistance to promote itself overseas and set up a Nes facility in Los Angeles.

Government Assistance / A Strong Israeli Connection

Elbit Systems is Israel's largest military manufacturer and produces 85% of the Israel Defense Force's land-based equipment as well as 85% of the drones used by the Israeli Air Force. It also supplies the surveillance technologies along the separation wall and the notorious checkpoints.

It is one of the only arms companies in the world who has been divested from by international investment firms due to its involvement in the Israel - Palestine conflict.

It is, by any benchmark, an evil company.

In 2018 Elbit's Australian subsidiary, Elbit Systems Australia came under scrutiny when the Australian Defence Force stopped using their Battle Management Systems due to concerns that they were being used for espionage by Israel.

Elbit's response to this was to appoint Dr Karen Stanton, the daughter of HTA's founder and its current co-owner to their board (and to fund the investigation that eventually exonerated it).

In 2021 Dr Stanton was made Chair of the Board. As Elbit's press release put it:



*"Dr Stanton will oversee the transformation of Elbit Systems of Australia as it gains independence and takes control of its security, governance, IT and engineering, in order to address any foreign ownership concerns.
"Dr Stanton is the perfect person to lead the transformation due to her vast experience in the defence industry as an owner and director of the highly successful manufacturing company HTA Group."*

This close connection with HTA Global as Elbit Systems seeks to expand its Australian operations should be of great concern to any Australians concerned with the on-going genocide in Palestine.

Government, Australian Industry and an Israeli Arms Company

Renegade Activists Action Force have been campaigning on issues of Australian militarism since the 1980s.

Australia's role in the West's global war fighting has been a focus of our work.

Believing that the first step in challenging the masters of war is to expose them, we provide solidarity and anti-war campaigns with resources that draw the links between Australia and the many military and environmental travesties taking place around our planet.

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Renegade Solidarity Audio Force is a collaboration between Renegade Activists and the Solidarity Sound System.

We have been the crew behind the sound for all the big Melbourne Palestine rallies and Motorcades, dock pickets and most of the smaller rallies and actions that take place in support of Palestine around Melbourne. We have been providing sound, stage and other logistic services to human rights, climate and First Nations' events for five years.

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Produced on the lands of the Wurundjeri people that have never been ceded.



Nestled up the against the Bababi Marning Grasslands in Campbellfield, at 43B Lara Way is a small but important factory called Heat Treatment Australia (HTA).

At first glance it may look like just another of the small engineering factories dotted around Hume City Council.

But the truth is that its not just another metal fabrication shop:

HTA Global is an Australian based company that plays a critical role in the genocide taking place in Gaza.

The kind of weapons that are being used in Gaza, and indeed in all conflicts today, are very highly engineered pieces of equipment.

A plane such as the F-35 or the F-16 is made up of thousands of parts produced around the world: There are about 50 factories in Australia making parts for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter alone.

From the titanium keels made by Lovitt in Greensborough to the hinges on the bomb bay doors made by Rosebank in Bayswater, all the metal parts for the F-35 need to undergo very specific metalurgical treatments to bring them up to what is called Nadcap Standard (US National Aerospace and Defense Contractors Accreditation Program) before they can be fitted to fighter planes.

HTA's facilities in Campbellfield, Sydney and Brisbane are where this happens.

Without the parts treated by HTA on Lara Way, the F-35s could not fly.

A backgrounder by Renegade Activists

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HEAT TREATMENT AUSTRALIA



From the Courier Mail January 3 2018 quoted from "The Monty" the US website of the heat treatment industry (www.themonty.com)

A WILLINGNESS to adapt and readiness to take a risk have transformed a small Brisbane mower blade producer into an international aerospace player.

Heat Treatment Australia is a family-owned firm, started in the 1970s by Max Tucker. "We began as a traditional general manufacturing business," said his daughter Karen Stanton, now corporate and strategy director.

"About 10 to 15 years ago, manufacturing in Australia began to decline. So we started contemplating where we needed to diversify." The firm invested heavily in research and development, and machinery, to position itself to become part of the multinational Joint Strike Fighter program.

The Coopers Plains-based company makes heat-treated components for the fighter aircraft but has also sought "every opportunity available" to expand to related clients in aerospace, high-performance vehicles including Formula 1 cars and the renewable energy sector. HTA opened a facility in Los Angeles about 18 months ago, which Ms Stanton said was "ridiculously exciting for an Australian company like ours".

HTA's growth has been driven both by the Australian Government's policy of becoming a major international supplier of weapons, and its defence purchasing decisions.

As Karen Stanton put it:

"HTA has undertaken significant investment in infrastructure, equipment, people and processes. Expansion of facilities and processes at HTA are a direct result of involvement in the aerospace and defence programs, especially the F-35 program."

www.defenceconnect.com



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HTA's Growth and Role in the Military Industrial Complex

Many parts for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter are made in Australia. While HTA Global don't manufacture any parts themselves, they provide metallurgical services for the factories that do.

HTA has involvement in the manufacture of the:

Bomb bay and landing gear actuators made by Rosebank Engineering in Bayswater, Vic

Weapons adapters and over 100 other parts including airframe components and fuel housings made by Ferra in Tingalpa, Qld.

Keels made by Lovitt in Greensborough, Vic

Airframe components and weapons racks made by Levitt in Elizabeth, SA

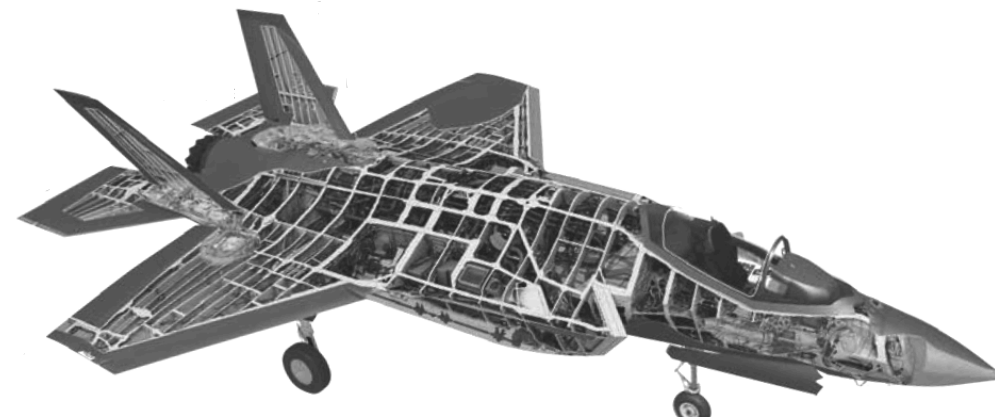
Engine parts for Pratt & Whitney made by TAE Aerospace in Ipswich, Qld

Airframe components made by BAE Systems Australia in various Australian locations.

Vertical Tail Fins made by Marand in Moorabin, Vic

It is important to note that the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter is built using a global supply chain, meaning that the parts these companies are producing are for every F-35 in operation around the world, including the ones used by Israel to drop bombs on Gaza.

As well as providing heat treatment services for the Australian sub-contractor manufacturers above, HTA also has a direct relationship with Lockheed Martin, the overall builder of the F-35.



F35S ARE BEING USED BY ISRAEL TO BOMB GAZA

The United States has officially confirmed that Israel is extensively deploying its F-35 Adir stealth fighters in the ongoing military operations against Hamas, underscoring the exceptional efficacy of these advanced aircraft in the current conflict.

On December 12, the head of the Joint Strike Fighter program, in congressional testimony, revealed that in the aftermath of Hamas' October 7 attack, the United States swiftly upgraded Israel's F-35 fighters.

In response to the attack, the US provided F-35 mission data files—essential to the aircraft's operation—to Israel within a remarkably short period, according to Pentagon acquisition chief Bill LaPlante's statements during a House Armed Services tactical air and land forces subcommittee hearing.

These mission data files, described as the "brains" of the jet, contain extensive information on threats.

Furthermore, during the hearing, F-35 Program Executive Officer Lt. Gen. Michael Schmidt praised Israel's F-35 fleet for its outstanding performance in the war against Hamas, citing high mission capability rates in the Middle East—a notable achievement given the challenges faced by the Pentagon's F-35 operators.

www.eurasiantimes.com

In January 2024, following the International Court of Justice's finding that Israel does have a case to answer on South Africa's allegations of genocide, Israel and the US announced that they have agreed to a new raft of arms sales including Apache Helicopters, F-16s and a third squadron of F-35s.

As many F-35 parts made in Australia are done so as the sole global supplier for these parts, there is absolutely no doubt that work being undertaken by Heat Treatment Australia in its factory at 35 Lara Way Campbellfield is contributing to Israel's ongoing attempt at genocide on the people of Gaza.

"It's a great feeling looking at an F-35 and knowing that our hands, and the hands of other Australian manufacturers, have helped shape parts for such an advanced aircraft."
Jon O'Donnell, Global Quality Manager at HTA

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"Lockheed Martin has been there for us from the very beginning. They have celebrated our successes and played an integral role in helping HTA become aerospace accredited."
Karen Stanton, HTA owner